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Monmouth, Ill.

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Dear Mamma & Alf,

I will write some to you this eve. I have just got Eula to bed it is eight o'clock.

Roy got home Mon. eve. I was awful glad to see him. I can assure you - He has real well down there & is going to Galesburg next week. It is yet uncertain when I will come home. If we can rent rooms furnished for light house-keeping up there I will go & stay till he is through and if not

I will come while he is there. I am anxious to come but it will take lots of Money. I suppose you went to the Exposition yesterday. I don't think I will take that in if I come home, I couldn't take Eula - & I wouldn't go without her so you see just how it is.

I have a cold on my lungs. I don't remember of ever being so afflicted before - I could not speak this morning without hurting my lungs & throat too. but I am better now. Co. H - got home yesterday & the whole town turned out to meet them. They didn't all



come, some were sick
+ left behind.

I am making baby a
little red calico dress. Alma
got it for her + I just
had to make it up but
it isn't pretty for her -
It makes her look older.

She is getting cuter every
day - She eats potatoes +
gravy - all we will give

her - I put her on my
lap at the table + she
makes a grab at the
thing she can reach as
soon as I sit down with
her. She can use her
hands pretty good + can

sit up real straight alone.

but I never leave her
alone without putting
pillows around her & for
when she laughs she
throws herself so she
tumbles over.

Harry's baby weighs 11 lbs
now it will be 2 mo old
the 26th.

Eula weighs 21 lbs. & her
have has just taken a
start. It will be dark
I think. I would like
to see Battie & Tommy.
I wish we were as well
prepared for winter fuel
as you folks are, we
will have to have a
cook stove this winter
too.

I didn't know I hadn't

said anything about
the baby in my
letters - I guess I was
in too big a hurry when
I wrote. You needn't
bother to get her shoes for
they might not fit &
we can get them here
cheaper I expect. Roy
priced some when he
was up Tues eve., & said
we could get nice ones
for 50¢.

Lizzie
& Aunt Kate came up
Monday to trade. They
brought me 3 heads of nice
cabbage & some grapes,
I am going to use the

cabbage for my pickles
well I will close &
finish this tomorrow.

Friday. I am baking
bread today and have
done out quite a
washing and I am
pretty tired - I have
such an awful cold I
can hardly stand it
I have to quit & get the
house cleared up now &
my hair combed.
As ever - Carrie